to make survey of Jayapur to Malkanagiri Rail line in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when the survey work is likely to be started and completed; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No specific transportation requirements necessitating a railway line have come to notice

Implementation of ADAPT

1808 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Area Development Approach Programme for Poverty Termination (ADAPT) Scheme which is in operation in some districts of Orissa is likely to be stopped very soon;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent so far after implementation of the programme and population benefited?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Area Development Approach for Poverty Termination (ADAPT) was in operation in 8 Blocks of Kalahandi district and 7 Blocks of Koraput district of Orissa during the two years of 1988-89 and 1989-90. The scheme period ended on 31st March, 1990. Even though the scheme period has ended, the special feeding programme is being continued up to September, 1990

(c) The approximate expenditure towards this programme upto 31st March, 1990 has been Rs. 1854 lakhs. The population of the above mentioned Blocks have been benefited.

Extension of DPAP and DADP

1809 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to extend the Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Area Development Programme (DADP) to more areas in the country;

(b) if so, the areas likely to be included in the current financial year;

(c) the number of blocks in different States included so far under the programmes and the population benefited as a result thereof; and

(d) whether any appraisal of these two programmes have been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) The Government have set up a National Committee which, among other things, would look into the suggestions made by the State Government for future coverage under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP). A decision on the inclusion of additional areas, if any, under these Programmes will be taken after the Report of the Committee is received.

(c) 615 block in 91 districts of 13 States area covered under the DPAP. In case of DDP, 131 blocks in 21 districts of 5 States are covered as per details at statement.